

Doctoral Programme in Civil Engineering, PDEC (<https://www.pdec.civil.uminho.pt/>), opens a call for funding partially the costs for obtaining the Recognition of Academic Degrees for applicants aiming to do their PhD in the PDEC. This initiative aims to help candidates with high academic and scientific merit and with difficulties of supporting the costs of this recognition process, and a maximum of three applicants will be supported for the year 2025.

1- CONDITIONS OF ELIGIBILITY

The following conditions must be assured in order the candidate be eligible:

- Come from an institution included in the list of home institutions on the page of the Directorate General for Higher Education (DGES) for application of recognition requests (<https://www.dges.gov.pt/recon/formulario>);
- Have obtained a classification in their degrees higher or equal to 17 in 20 (Academic Merit, AM). For candidates with a BSC and an MSC degree, a weight factor of 0.6 and 0.4 is attributed to the BSC and MSC, respectively, for the evaluation of the final classification;
- Have a scientific merit (SM) exceeding the values indicated in Table 1.

2- FINANCING SUPPORT CONDITIONS

In the case the candidate needs to recognize two degrees (BSC and MSC), the candidate assumes the expenses regarding the BSC, while the MSC will be supported by PDEC. If only one degree needs to be recognized, the corresponding amount will be shared by the candidate and PDEC in equal parts.

3- APPLICATION SUBMISSION

The application period begins on the **2nd of April 2025 until 5th of June**.

It is mandatory that participants submit their applications, including all the required documents in this call for applications, via email to sec-phd@civil.uminho.pt

4- REQUIRED DOCUMENTS

The following documents must be submitted in pdf format:

- A motivation letter stating economic difficulties in bearing the costs;
- A detailed Curriculum Vitae of the applicant;
- Proof of the Performance indicators

otherwise the applicant is excluded. Applicants who make false declarations, through inaccuracy or omission of data, will automatically be excluded from the process.

5- Evaluation process of the candidate

The Candidate's Merit (CM) is evaluated according to the following equation:

$$MC = 0,50AM + 0,50SM$$

where AM and is academic merit and SM is the scientific merit.

The Scientific Merit (SM) is based on the accumulated score in scientific publications with the following weights:

- Book (by international editor): 20 (theses are not considered);
- Chapter book (by international editor): 12
- Publication in an ISI Journal: 10
- Publication in a non-ISI Journal: 6
- Publication in a National Journal: 2
- Publication in an International Conference: 3
- Publication in a National Conference: 1

The jury panel considers an ISI journal publication if the journal is recognized by the following application:

<https://mjl.clarivate.com/>

and it is not an "Emerging Sources Citation Index".

Table 1 – Scientific merit for different age of the candidates

Candidate's age	Scientific merit (>=)
<30	20
[30-32]	40
[33-36]	80
[37-40]	140
>40	200

NOTE: For receiving the co-financing, the candidate must prove to be officially registered in the PDEC (declaration obtained in the registration process).